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RE: WC Docket No. 02-60
Rural Health Care Pilot Program
Texas Health Information Network Collaborative-- (THINC)

Dear Commissioner:

Please accept this letter in support of the Texas Health Information Network Collaborative's (THINC) application to the Rural Health Care Pilot Program.

THINC is a statewide effort to enhance health care services by using broadband technology to connect rural health care providers across the state. By making broadband access available, this project will also give rural health care providers the ability to connect with and gain knowledge from urban medical centers.

THINC will allow rural health care providers to take part in telehealth and medical education programs resulting in improved access to care, patient safety and health care quality. This will allow medical centers located throughout Texas to share medical information of all types in a safe and efficient manner.

I fully support this effort to benefit health care in rural communities. I trust that this comprehensive plan will take advantage of new broadband technologies and increase the quality of health care provided to rural communities. If my staff or I may be of any more assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at (202)225-1640.

Sincerely,

Henry Cuellar, Ph.D.
U.S. Congressman
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